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In re Application of:

Karl Smirra

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Alison K. Pickard

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SEALING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE SEALING DEVICE

MAIL STOP – AF Commissioner for Patents P:O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.